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Re: Application of: Frampton  
U.S. Patent Application No.10/693,434  
Filed: October 24, 2003  
For: Ball and Socket Assembly for Suspending an Object  
from a Sloped Surface  
MMB Docket No. 1904-0081

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Patent Application the following:

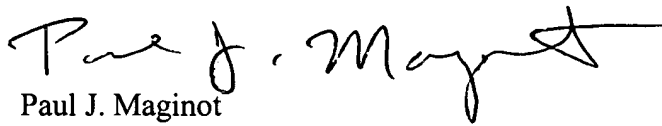
1. Completed Issue Fee Transmittal;
2. Request for Correction of Inventorship;
3. Executed Rule 1.48 Statement of Peter S. Jenkins for Correction of Inventorship;
4. Executed Consent of Assignee Statement of Fanimation, Inc.;
5. Executed Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney
6. Check for \$830.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the issue fee (\$700.00),  
and the fee for Request for Correction of Inventorship (\$130.00).
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Respectfully Submitted,

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Paul J. Maginot  
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Group Art Unit: 3632

Application of: **Frampton**

Examiner: **Anita M. King**

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/693,434

Filed: **October 24, 2003**

Title: **Ball and Socket Assembly for Suspending an Object from a Sloped Surface**

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP OF  
NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.48(a)**

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Sir:

The following individual was unintentionally omitted as being named a co-inventor for the invention claimed in the above-identified patent application.

1. Peter S. Jenkins  
6423 Crystal Springs Dr.  
Avon, Indiana 46123  
Citizenship: Australia

The above inventorship error occurred without deceptive intention on the part of the omitted inventor. Therefore, the correct inventorship for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/693,434 is as follows:

1. Thomas C. Frampton  
9984 East 300 South  
Zionsville, Indiana 46077  
Citizenship: United States of America
2. Peter S. Jenkins  
6423 Crystal Springs Dr.  
Avon, Indiana 46123  
Citizenship: Australia

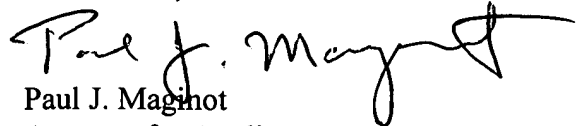
The processing fee of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(i) is enclosed herewith. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Also in support of this request, please find:

1. A statement from the inventor to be added that the error occurred without deceptive intent;
2. Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney document signed by all of the actual inventors; and
3. Written Consent of Assignee Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

MAGINOT, MOORE & BECK LLP



Paul J. Maginot  
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(2) OF PETER S. JENKINS  
FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP IN PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

I, Peter S. Jenkins, hereby state that the failure to include me as a co-inventor of  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/693,434, filed on October 24, 2003 in the United  
States Patent and Trademark Office, occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

3.14.06

Date

Peter S. Jenkins

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(5)

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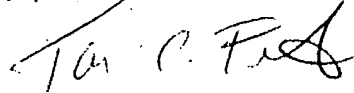
Sir:

Fanimation, Inc., (previously Fanimation Design & Manufacturing, Inc. - see Attachment I showing name change) ("Assignee"), hereby submits to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office documentary evidence of ownership of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/693,434 by the enclosed copy of an executed Assignment from the original named inventor, which has been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 24, 2003 at Reel/Frame: 014641/0978 (see Attachment II). Accordingly, Assignee has an ownership interest in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/693,434, and is authorized to request and take action in this matter.

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Assignee hereby agrees to the change of inventorship adding Peter S. Jenkins as a co-inventor of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/693,434. The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas C. Frampton  
President  
Fanimation, Inc.

Date:

3-14-06

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# ATTACHMENT (I)

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### CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

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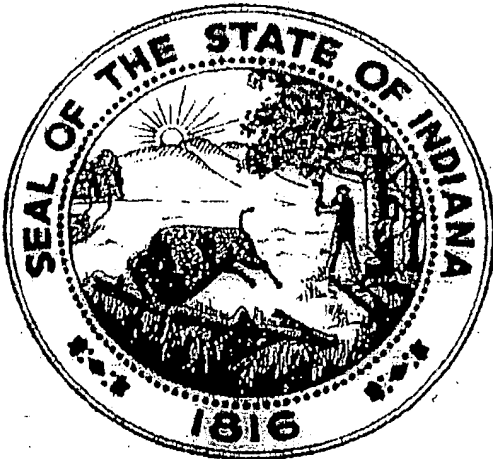
### FANIMATION DESIGN & MFG., INC.

I, TODD ROKITA, Secretary of State of Indiana, hereby certify that Articles of Amendment of the above For-Profit Domestic Corporation have been presented to me at my office, accompanied by the fees prescribed by law and that the documentation presented conforms to law as prescribed by the provisions of the Indiana Business Corporation Law.

The name following said transaction will be:

**FANIMATION, INC.**

NOW, THEREFORE, with this document I certify that said transaction will become effective Tuesday, April 06, 2004.



In Witness Whereof, I have caused to be affixed my signature and the seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, April 6, 2004.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Todd Rokita".

TODD ROKITA,  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
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The undersigned officer of Fanimation Design & Mfg., Inc. (the "Corporation"), existing pursuant to the provisions of the Indiana Business Corporation Law, as amended (the "Act"), desiring to give notice of corporation action effectuating the amendment of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation, certifies the following facts:

ARTICLE I  
AMENDMENT

SECTION 1. The date of the incorporation of the Corporation is: March 20, 1996.

SECTION 2. The name of the Corporation following this amendment of its Articles of Incorporation is FANIMATION, INC.

SECTION 3. The exact text of Article I of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Corporation is Fanimation, Inc.

ARTICLE II  
MANNER OF ADOPTION AND VOTE

SECTION 1. Action by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Corporation duly adopted a resolution proposing to amend the terms and provisions of Article I of the Articles of Incorporation.

The resolution was adopted by written consent executed the 26 day of MARCH, 2004, and signed by the sole Director of the Corporation.

SECTION 2. Action of Shareholders. The Shareholders of the Corporation entitled to vote in respect of the Articles of Amendment adopted the proposed amendment. The amendment was adopted by written consent executed the 26 day of MARCH, 2004, and signed by all the Shareholders.

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SECTION 3. Compliance with Legal Requirements. The manners of the adoption of the Articles of Amendment and the vote by which they were adopted constitute full legal compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Articles of Incorporation, and the By-Laws of the Corporation.

I hereby verify subject to the penalties of perjury that the facts contained herein are true this  
26 day of MARCH, 2004.

By: T. C. Framp

Thomas C. Frampton, President

*This instrument prepared by Dwayne C. Isaacs, Attorney at Law, BINGHAM MCHALE  
LLP, 2700 Market Tower, 10 W. Market Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204; Telephone (317) 635-  
8900.*

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Thomas C. Frampton, hereinafter called the "Assignor," has invented a new and useful design for a BALL AND SOCKET ASSEMBLY FOR SUSPENDING AN OBJECT FROM A SLOPED SURFACE, for a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed herewith, and executed by him on or about the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, Fanimation Design & Manufacturing, Inc., an Indiana Corporation, having its principal office and place of business at 945 Monument Drive, Lebanon, Indiana 46052, U.S.A., hereinafter called the "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, the application identified above, and in, to and under Letters Patent which may be obtained for said invention, as hereinafter more fully set forth;

NOW THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient considerations, the receipt of which by the said Assignor from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the said Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and application hereinabove identified, and any Letters Patent of the United States that may issue for said invention, together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and application for Letters Patent and Letters Patent therefore in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all of said Letters Patent for said invention may issue.

And the said Assignor does hereby covenant and agree, for himself and his legal representatives, that he will assist his said Assignee in the prosecution of the application herein identified; in the making and prosecution of any other applications for Letters Patent that the

said Assignee may elect to make covering the invention herein identified, as hereinbefore set forth; in vesting in the said Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other applications and Letters Patent; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any application or Letters Patent herein contemplated; and that he will execute and deliver the said Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the said Assignee to fully carry out the terms of this Assignment.

And the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue Letters Patent to said Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Assignor has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this 22 day of October, 2003.

Thomas C. Frampton  
Thomas C. Frampton

STATE OF Indiana )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF Boone )

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 22<sup>ND</sup> day of October, 2003.

Denise B. Watson  
Notary Public

Denise B. Watson  
Printed Name

My Commission Expires:

6-21-07

My County of Residence:

Boone



## SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the application entitled

Ball and Socket Assembly for Suspending an Object from a Sloped Surface the  
specification of which (check one)

is attached hereto.

X was filed on October 24, 2003 as  
United States Application Serial No. 10/693,434 or  
PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended by a Preliminary Amendment filed on May 6, 2004, and further  
amended by an Amendment filed on December 22, 2004, and further amended by an  
Amendment filed on September 5, 2005.

I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified  
specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title  
37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any  
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Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No

I hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States  
provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States  
application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not  
disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35,  
United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37,  
Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and  
the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status)(Patented, Pending, Abandoned)
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And I hereby appoint Paul J. Maginot, Registration No. 34,984, Harold C. Moore, Registration No. 37,892, Michael D. Beck, Registration No. 32,722, David M. Lockman, Registration No. 34,214, James D. Wood, Registration No. 43,285 and Russell E. Fowler, Registration No. 43,615 as attorneys of record with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please direct all communications regarding the application to:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon?

Full name of first co-inventor Thomas C. Frampton

Inventor's signature *Thomas C. Frampton*

Date: 3-14-06

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Full name of second co-inventor Peter S. Jenkins

Inventor's signature *Peter S. Jenkins*

Date: 3-14-06

Residence 6423 Crystal Springs Dr., Ayon, Indiana 46123

Citizenship Australia

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BRIEF. ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR'S INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

ASSIGNOR:

FRAMPTON, THOMAS C.

DOC DATE: 10/22/2003

ASSIGNEE:

FANIMATION DESIGN & MANUFACTURING,  
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